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SUBJECT: PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 3286 STATE 53164

1. BAIJAL CALLED IN ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MARCH 11 AND CONFIRMED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON AGREED MINUTES AS ACCEPTABLE (NEW DELHI 3286).

2. WITH RESPECT BASMATI RICE, BAIJAL STATED ACTUAL EXPORTS THROUGH FEBRUARY HAVE TOTLED 36,062 MT WITH AN ADDITIONAL 29,660 MT CONTRACTED FOR MARCH-JUNE 1975. IF USG COULD AGREE TO WAIVER BASMATI RICE EXPORT LIMITATIONS OR IMPOSE CEILING OF 60,000 MTS, GOI WOULD BE PREPARED SIGN AGREEMENT FOR 700,000 TONS WHEAT AND 100,000 TONS RICE. IF NEITHER OF THESE AMENDMENTS WERE ACCEPTABLE THE GOI PROPOSES RICE BE DROPPED FROM THE AGREEMENT.

3. IF RICE WERE DROPPED FROM AGREEMENT GOI WOULD LIKE WHEAT FIGURE INCREASED TO HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. BAIJAL STATED THAT GOI HAD BEEN TOLD "AT HIGH LEVELS" THAT USG WAS PREPARED TO OFFER 1 MILLION TONS (900,000 TONS WHEAT AND 100,000 TONS RICE). ON THIS BASIS ISSUE HAD BEEN TAKEN TO "HIGHEST LEVELS" IN GOI AND AGREEMENT FOR SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOWER QUANTITIES WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES.

4. GOI WOULD PREFER THAT AGREEMENT BE SIGNED FOR TOTAL AMOUNT. REASON FOR THIS WAS POLITICAL. IF AN INITIAL AGREEMENT WERE SIGNED FOR SAY 300,000 TONS, GOI WOULD BE SEVERLY ATTACHED IN PARLIAMENT. LARGER AMOUNT WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO BE ATTACKED AND GOI WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DEFEND ITS POSITION. OF COURSE, IF USG COULD PLEDGE TOTAL SECRECY GOI WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TWO PART DEAL(ECON COUNSELOR EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL DOUBTS THAT A PL 480 AGREEMENT COULD BE HELD SECRET FOR LONG EVEN IF USG WOULD AGREE TO DO SO).

5. COMMENT: BAIJAL INDICATED GOI POSITION HAD BEEN CLEARED BY MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE AND FINANCE AND PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIATE. HE WAS PURPOSELY VAGUE AS TO HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL WHEAT GOI WAS SEEKING BUT OUR GUESS IS THAT IT WOULD SIGN FOR 800,000 TONS.

6. BAIJAL ASKED FOR SPEEDY REPLY. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ASAP. BAIJAL PREFERS THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THIS LAST ISSUE TAKE PLACE HERE IN DELHI. HE IS KEEPING RAMAKRISHNA INFORMED.  
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